



MEMORANDUM

Tulare County Fire Department

Standards Committee Meeting

October 24th, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Battalion Chief McLaughlin at 09:10 Hours.

Members Present

Battalion Chief Jeff McLaughlin
Captain Jeff Smith
Captain Pat Doyle
Captain Charles Steinway
Captain Raymond Russell
Captain Kyle Newton
Training Secretary Christina Whitendale

Guests Present

Lieutenant Hank Seguin

Old Business

- 1) None

New Business

- 1) Lieutenant Dustin Carey submitted a suggestion to change the accountability passport identifier on the accountability tags.
Issues:
 1. Current tags do not identify rank or station number.
 2. Company Officers working at different stations are unfamiliar with the abilities of the firefighters there.Discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of changing the current tags. It was the recommendation of the committee to deny this suggestion but use the idea basis to propose the use of a white reflective "T" sticker to identify those firefighters who have not yet completed their firefighter taskbooks.
- 2) The Committee reviewed the current Command Vehicle Complement and made the following suggestions:
 1. Add (1) Four Gas Monitor to the "FIREFIGHTING & RESCUE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT" section.
 2. Remove (1) Stream Light and Holder from the "ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPPORT EQUIPMENT" area as this was duplicated in the "FIREFIGHTING & RESCUE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT" section.
 3. Add (1) Fireline Handbook to the "COMMAND/ ACCOUNTABILITY EQUIPMENT" section.

- 3) Battalion Chief Jeff McLaughlin suggested we amend the Patrol complement to include a chain saw to the "ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT THAT MAY BE CARRIED w/approval" section. Seconded by Captain Pat Doyle.
- 4) Captain Raymond Russell presented a recommendation to amend the Engine compliment as follows:
 1. Remove (1) 5" STZ X Hard Suction M NH as is duplicated by the (1) Hard Suction X 5" STZ in the "ADAPTERS & REDUCERS fire hose and suction hose, lightweight fittings" section.
 2. Correct the (1) 1" Combination Nozzle, 20-60 GPM, (Reel Line) to 13-60 in the "FIRE HOSE, NOZZLES, APPLIANCES, & TOOLS" section.
 3. Add the verbiage "with shut off" to the (1) 2 1/2" Smoothbore Nozzle, Playpipe, w/ stacked Tips (1", 1 1/8", 1 1/4") also in the "FIRE HOSE, NOZZLES, APPLIANCES, & TOOLS" section.
- 5) Captain Kyle Newton recommended we correct the Truck complement by changing from the 300' 2 1/2" DJ Synthetic Hose, Yellow to 300' 3" DJ Synthetic Hose, Yellow in the "FIRE HOSE, NOZZLES, APPLIANCES, & TOOLS" section.
- 6) The Committee discussed door codes. The codes differ from station to station with no uniformity and are changed only once there is an incident. For security measures and ease of station coverage the following suggestions were made:
 1. Each Officer gets their own code
 2. A generic company code is created and changed by the Station
 3. The code can be the Battalion (01 or 02) and the corresponding Station number (example: 0101 for Station 1)
 4. A single code is created, by the Department Secretary, for all stations and changed annually or as needed.

It is the suggestion of the committee that the single code for all stations be created and randomized by the Department Secretary. An SOG will need to be created to establish notification, chain of command, and notification once these codes are changed.
- 7) The Committee discussed fuel pump combination locks versus keyed locks. For the same reasons as the door coding, it is the opinion of the Committee that they all be uniform and changed to combination locks all around.

Future Business

- 1) None.

This meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was not scheduled at this time.

Please contact any members of the standards committee with new agenda items